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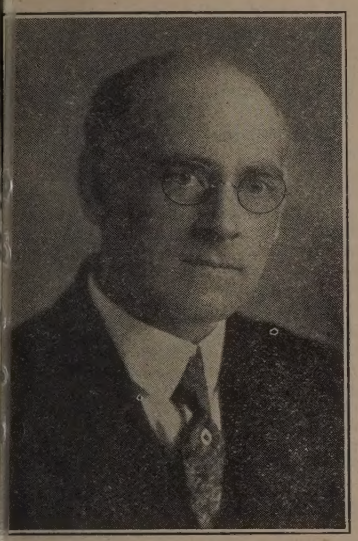

BEGINS WORK JULY 15

TO THE PILGRIM FOLK OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

I esteem it a privilege to accept the appointment as Secretary of Religious Education and Young People's Work for your Conference and thus to be associated with the forward-looking people and progressive churches of Northern California. I appreciate the thoughtfulness of Superintendent Minchin and the Committee on Religious Education in preparing the way for my work. I hope to be on the ground for active service sometime in July. I am coming to you as a friend and counselor. I know that I shall have your friendship and hearty co-operation.

The Congregational Educational Society assumes the responsibility for the expenses of the Educational Office of the Conference and to its Board of Directors I shall make regular reports. However, I shall be closely associated with the Conference, meeting with and reporting to the Board of Trustees and acting as the executive secretary of the Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. With this committee I shall work out my policies and program of activities. The Educational Office will be connected with the offices of the Conference at San Francisco where the Secretary may be addressed.

The departments of activity which the Educational Secretary will represent are those represented in the activities of the Education Society, namely; religious education, young people's and students' interests, missionary education, and adult and social service activities as related to the church schools. The religious education interests include standards, curriculum, organization, methods, equipment, and teacher training for Sunday Schools, week-day religious education and vacation church schools of religion. Young people's and students' interests include young people's work in the local churches, training through summer conferences, institutes and week-end conferences, counsel concerning Christian life service, and the promotion of Christian fellowship and service among Congregational students at universities and colleges. Missionary education includes programs, methods and supplies for training in world friendship through church schools and young people's organizations. Adult and social service interests include study courses, plans of organization and service for adults.

The Educational Office will carry a large supply of literature relating to its various interests. Much of this is in pamphlet form and is free for discreet distribution. A stock of the best books on religion, religious education, missions, the church, and methods, as well as many of current and general interest will be kept for sale at the regular publishers' and book dealers' prices. The office will receive orders for any book, magazine or periodical published.

The Secretary invites pastors and church workers to consult him freely concerning the work of their churches which may fall within his department. As far as his time will permit, he will be ready to visit churches for the purpose of making addresses and advising concerning the interests which have been outlined. He will welcome the opportunity of assisting in organizing or conducting training schools or institutes for church school workers and for young people.

When the Secretary visits a church it is desirable that he have an opportunity for conference with parents, with those interested in religious education, and in young people's activities. He will mail regularly without charge to all leaders in young people's interests who will send their names and addresses to his office the bulletins on young people's work which are issued by the Department of Young People's Work of the Education Society. He will be glad to receive reports from the churches and young people's organizations concerning special activities or successful methods of work which may be suggestive to other groups. Send him samples of leaflets, programs and publicity matter which you may issue and which may concern the interests in his field of work.

Anticipating much joy in serving with you, I am

Cordially yours,
JOHN C. PRINCE,
Conference Educational Secretary.

SACRAMENTO SUCCEEDS

As the result of a recnt campaign for funds the church now has about $55,000 subscribed besides the net they have from the sale of the old property. Pastor Gill and his workers are happy with the prospects of a great new church building where they can carry on the splendid program of activities so characteristic of Mr. Gill's leadership. There are still reports to come in and a larger sum is needed to assure the completion of the adopted plans. Inasmuch as it is of such strategic importance that we have a commanding building and strong direction we trust that certain good stewards of the Lord's goods will make added contribution to this enterprise.

THE CONFERENCE

A week of fellowship at Asilomar, with its gray-green forests of pine, beside the mighty Pacific! Hiking, fishing, campfires, stunts, tennis, games of all kinds, and general good fellowship! Study classes under the guidance of men and women fitted by experience and training to help young people think through the problems of the day. The joy of intimate comradeship with other splendid young people of Northern California. These are the things in store for those who attend the first annual young people's conference at Asilomar, July 27-August 3.

Who May Come

This conference is planned for the young people of our Northern California Churches, from fifteen to twenty-four years of age. As the Annual Conference of Northern California Churches is to be held simultaneously at Asilomar, it is hoped and expected that entire families will attend during the week of July 27 to August 3.

Expenses

Registration $1.00. Board and lodging $12.00. Rates for one in a room, and for less than full conference attendance, slightly higher.

Procuring Fund to Go

1. Plan ahead, save your money, and do a little work if necessary.

2. Appropriation from the church budget for one-half of delegate's actual expenses, where possible.

3. Get your society to raise the expenses of one or more delegates by entertainment, supper, or "Conference Festival."

4. Interest individuals in the church to give the money for one-half a delegate's expenses.

5. Reduce expense by arranging automobile loads from every church.

Daily Schedule

6:45 Rising bell.
7:15 Setting-up exercise.
7:30 Breakfast.
8:15 Devotional period.
8:50 (A) The Christian Philosophy of Life (College Age Group).
(B) What I May Believe (High School Age Group).
9:40 Church music.
10:35 1. Organization of the Work of Young People's Societies.
Section A (College Age Group).
Section B (High School Age Group).
2. Teacher Training.
3. Problems of Christian Conduct.
Section A (College Age Group).
Section B (High School Age Group).
11:30 1. The Modern Use of the Bible.
Section A (College Age Group).
Section B (High School Age Group).
2. Latin America and Its Problems.
Section A and B.
3. Christianizing International Relations.
Section A and B.
4. The Drama in Religious Use
5. Church Music and Pageantry
12:20 Closing hour.
1:30 Rest and relaxation.
3:00 Directed recreation.
6:00 Supper.
7:00 Vespers.
7:45 Addresses.
9:00 Closing and Fellowship Hour.
10:00 Lights out—Oblivion.

The Faculty

Mr. Irwin O. Addicott, Berkeley; Dr. Robert E. Brown, Oakland; Mr. Carvel Caine, Berkeley; Mr. Alfred Frazier, Palo Alto; Dr. T. T. Giffen, Fresno; Mrs. Andrew Hansen, Palo Alto; Dr. F. W. Hodgdon, Berkeley; Mrs. F. W. Hodgdon, Berkeley; Mr. F. W. Hubbard, Fresno; Mr. Alan A. Hunter, New York; Rev. Jerome C. Holmes, San Francisco; Dr. Josephine Kennedy, M. D., Keinning, China; Rev. Fred W. Morrison, San Jose; Dr. Lois Pendleton, M. D., Tehsien, China; Mr. Paul Pfeiffer, San Francisco; Rev. John C. Prince, San Francisco; Mr. Wm. D. Spencer, University of California; Rev. Carl J. Stackman, Denver, Colorado; Dr. L. A. Stark, Big Creek; Mr. Philip K. Swartz, Berkeley; Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Oakland; Dr. E. R. Wagner, San Jose; Rev. Paul Waterhouse, Los Angeles; Mrs. Millicent P. Yarrow, Tucson, Arizona, and others.

Special Features

The Dean of the Conference will be Rev. John C. Prince who has recently come as the Director of Religious Education and Young People's Work for the Northern Califronia Congregational Conference.

Directed Recreation, including sports of all kinds will be under the direction of Mr. Philip K. Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion. Be sure to bring your tennis racquets.

Vespers Will Be Held in the open air, either around a campfire on the sand dunes, or in the campus circle as circumstances may direct.

Saturday Evening we hope to have an evening of entertainment, and profit, under the leadership of the groups who have been studying drama and music, with perhaps stunts by the various delegations.

CORNER STONE LAID

Last Sunday the First Church, Oakland, laid the corner stone inscribed with the Scriptural passage, 'Strength and Gladness Are in His Place." Mr. R. H. Chamberlain, former member of the board of trustees, read the history of the church, and the records of the church were placed by Dr. R. E. Gilson, president of the board of trustees. The central figure of the ceremony was Mrs. J. K. McLean, aged widow of a former pastor, who did much for the Church, she was assisted in tapping the stone into place by little Lois Waddell, daughter of the assistant pastor. Dr. Robert E. Brown, pastor of the Church, delivered the principal talk of the occasion. Mr. Phillip Swartz led in the responsive reading and the prayer of dedication was led by Dr. William J. Minchin. The one shadow cast over the celebration was the fact that Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, assistant pastor, was too ill to be present.

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GORDON OF FIRST

Far and away the best known minister of the Christian Churches in San Francisco. The most discussed and the most discussable preacher in Northern California. Among his brethren, among friends of the churches, among the mildly interested, among the actively opposed he moves and talks. Everybody knows him.

You can start an interesting discussion among any kind of a group of men in San Francisco simply by mentioning the name of the man who is responsible for all the great work of the Church at the corner of Pos and Mason Streets. Opinions with regard to his "ways and means" are as many as the number of those who utter them. Turning neither to the right nor to the left from his predetermined course he pursues the even tenor of his way, unruffled, undisturbed and triumphant. "The most trenchant critics of the way I do things are men who preach to about twenty-seven people every Sunday morning," says the Doctor, with a smile that disarms bad tempered rejoinder.

For a busy man he has more time to listen to what any nobody has to say than any man we have ever known. He even invites criticism of himself from all and sundry who come to talk with him. His mail is large and the contents of it are mostly letters from the world's nobodies who have been helped and blessed by something he has said from his pulpit at First Church.

"Life is busy, most humans are living crowded days, they have so little time, it would seem, for anything that is worth while, their attention is distracted by a million and one voices speaking to them of things that don't matter or that are hurtful, if I can stop the mad procession for a moment by promising to tell them something they would like to know, well then I may stop it long enough to tell them something I think they need to know about the grandeur and the glory of life and about the matchless Savior who would have them each and all follow Him. I am ready and willing to use almost any means that gives me their attention long enough to introduce them to One Who has no Peer."

That is the fashion of Dr. Gordon's "Apologia Pro Vita Sua." None that ever heard him preach but has been willing to concede that however great the versatility of this man may be, his chiefest claim to honor is his power to publish the glad tidings of the life that is life indeed.

The ministers of the churches owe to Dr. James L. Gordon one unpayable debt. He has made the ordinary man read the church advertisements in the San Francisco Saturday and Sunday papers. The man in the street turns

RICHMOND

Concluding a ministry of a little over a year, H. L. Rowley has resigned and entered the lecturing field.

For the present Rev. Wallace W. Furze is acting as supply.

JASON NOBLE PIERCE, D.D.

Congregationalists of the Bay District have had a splendid opportunity to look into the face of "The President's Pastor" this last week end.

As we beheld him the thought would not be resisted that he had been most happily named. He is both a Jason and a Noble of the true lineage. Chaucer came to our mind as we listened to him. Here was "a very gentle parfite knight."

At First Church, Oakland, Dr. Pierce preached for his friend Dr. Robert E. Brown in the morning of May 31, and in the evening for his predecessor in the pastorate of the First Church, Washington, D. C., Rev. James L. Gordon whom he most appropriately christened "Twelve Question Gordon."

Dr. Pierce was the speaker at the luncheon held at First Church, June 1, under the auspices of our Minister's Monday Club. Expecting to address a small group of his brethren he was a little dismayed, he confessed, to find a large gathering composed of ministers of all demoninations of the city and bay district.

Quite frankly and with charming simplicity Dr. Pierce told of the difficulties of his task and of the stupendous opportunity that faces the church at the heart of the nation's government. His kindly reference to the way in which his predecessor, Dr. Gordon, had brought the church back from times of weakness to established strength was good news. Dr. Gordon had attracted the crowds to First Church, he said, and though there was eleven months of an interim between Dr. Gordon's departure and Dr. Pierce's arrival the crowds persisted and do so continue to this day. Necessity forces the church to contemplate a new site and a new building and as Jason set out for the Golden Fleece so does his modern namesake now pursue the aim of causing to be built in Washington, D. C., a church property which with the necessary furnishings and endowment call for a sum of about two and a half million dollars.

Dr. Pierce hopes that the actual cash needed after the sale of their present site, which is estimated to be worth a million dollars, will be subscribed not only by the people of Washington, D. C., but by far-seeing Congregationalists throughout the country.

PIERCINGS!

"It is an ambiguous compliment after all to be referred to all over this broad land as "the president's pastor."

"As I ride with my six and a half year old boy past the White House I say, 'Son, who lives there?' He looks up and smiles, saying, 'Mrs. Coolidge.'

"As the officiating minister looks over the congregation of which the President is a member new light breaks in upon the phrases 'Watch and Pray.'

"I preached on Sunday morning for my friend Robert E. Brown in the synagogue of Rabbi Coffee of Oakland, at night I preached for Dr. Gordon here in First San Francisco, where the people of Temple Emmanuel have often met for worship. Don't we need a word broader than 'Christian' to include all the men and women of good will whose lives are dedicated to the things in which Jesus believed?"

AS SIDE BY SIDE WE ONWARD GO

O Jesus, Master, when today
I meet along the crowded way
My burdened brothers—mine and thine—
May then through me thy spirit shine;

To cheer them in their onward way,
Till evening ends the varied day—
To kindle so a growing light
Where else might be but gloom and night.

Grant too that they my need may know
As side by side we onward go—
An equal need of kindly thought,
And love like that which Thou hast taught.

Then give our hands a touch divine,
And to our voices tones like thine,
As side by side we onward go,
Nor need each other's names to know.

The Continent. Charles S. Newhall.

A JOY AND A CROWN

The Church at Philippi was all that this title suggests to the Apostle Paul, and the Church at Rio Vista is all this to its minister, Rev. Arthur Bunce, who is now making an almost unbelievable recovering at the California Sanitarium, Belmont.

That he is recovering Mr. Bunce believes to be the result of the treatment at the hands of so well known a specialist as Dr. Rothchild, the sunny climate of Belmont, the devotion of his charming wife, and the continued prayers and marvelous loyalty of the people of Rio Vista.

To lift the burden of anxiety so completely from a pastor's heart as those people at Rio Vista have done is to increase one's pride and joy in the church. If H. L. Mencken, Sinclair Lewis, and H. G. Wells together with all the other literary pebble-throwers at the church could have a Sunday's engagement at Rio Vista and a visit to Arthur Bunce at Belmont we might publish the news of some remarkable conversions.

Rio Vista you make us happy.

SUNSET!

After well nigh thirty years of service to its community our church at Sunset, San Francisco, is no more. The last service is to be held on Sunday, June 21, and then the membership and congregation will retire to take their part in the other churches in the community that are doing a strong and vigorous work for the Kingdom of God, notably among whom are Presbyterians and the Episcopalians.

A devoted band of people have held the fort through the years through times of great discouragement, but not without profit both to the growth of their own individual faith and to the wider increase of the Kingdom of God.

By arrangement of the conference office the furnishings of the church have been distributed among the churches at Fairfax, Broadmoor, Ocean View, Richmond, and Mission Park.

EASTWARD BOUND

After concluding nine months ministry as stated supply of the North Congregational Church, Berkeley, Rev. William Rader is to go to England and Scotland for the summer and fall.

This will make the third preaching trip that Mr. Rader has made to the shores of our Pilgrim cousins and he is looking forward to his engagements with the keenest pleasure, his mind full of rich memories of his former visits when the pulpits of such great churches as Paddington Chapel and Whitfields were opened to him.

At the present time engagements are on Mr. Rader's notebook for the famous pulpit of Christ Church, Westminster, the scene of F. B. Meyer's great ministry and now under the charge of an erstwhile San Francisican Methodist, Wm. C. Poole who is this year's president of the World's Sunday School Union.

Mr. Rader has been invited to preach under the auspices of the Committee on Interchange of Preachers between America and England.

We venture the prophecy that the embassadorial forces of peace and good will between the two nations will be greatly strengthened by this visit of our gifted and eloquent brother.

WHY NOT DUB HIM D. D.?

It takes a very little ingenuity to make of the abbreviation for "Doctor of Science" another well-merited title. D. S. C. It would mean "Doctor of Sick Churches." Every well organized association of churches has that brotherly Mr. Kind Heart or Son of Consolation whose little-trumpeted ministry is not only the saving of individual souls but the saving of churches.

We never think of the situation here without remembering the name of Wallace W. Furze whose busy life in the city spurs him on to break the commandment and labor hard also on Sunday. Giving freely of his time, and always to the churches that are hard pressed and discouraged, without any thought of personal reward or applause, Mr. Furze goes now to one, then to another, and wherever he goes the church takes on new life lazy trustees roll up their sleeves Ladies Aid Societies get briskly to work, and where once was heard the dirge of defeat the paean of praise and the song of triumph rises to heaven.

Here is one of our ministers who literally would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of God than occupy the limelight spot anywhere else.

Next time you see him think of the superscription to this brief mention of his worthfulness.

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MY BOOKSELLER

One of the best friends the working minister has is his bookseller. That of course if the bookseller is a book reader. It takes no ability at all to reach up to the shelf, lift down a book, hand it over the counter, and ring up the three, or four, or five dollars which happens to be the price of the book.

But when your bookseller is a Hebraist, and a Greek scholar, and an Egyptologist with a working knowledge of hieroglyphics in addition to being the most widely read seller of medical books in the city you are happy and fortunate.

He has a conscience about selling you a book. Amid all the welter of pro and con about psycho-analysis, which of all the many writers shall we read to be really soundly informed? Stacey comes to the rescue and delivers us from total loss in the sea of bewilderment. Dollars are few and far between in the average minister's household. Being a lover of the best and able only to buy a limited number of books each year, and always under the pressure of buying books that will stimulate his own thinking for his pulpit work in a distracting age, the average pastor is in need of a bookseller with a conscience. Some of them don't possess that commodity in any large degree. That is why the average minister's wife desires to be proficient with the rifle. But to have a bookseller who says "If you don't think it's worth its price after you've read it bring it back immediately and I'll refund your money." Well those are words like golden apples in baskets of silver.

"You men are not all discriminating readers. You waste a lot of money on books. For the most part I've found during nearly thirty years experience of book selling that the wisest buyers of books among the ministry are the Congregationalists and the Unitarians. Here and there a Methodist, and now and again an Episcopalian. But for regularly stimulated good taste in what the moment has to offer the Congregationalists and Unitarians are hard to beat." Conversation like that inclines you to say: "Well, Stacy, after that soft impeachment I wish I had enough money to buy your shop."

What's the best thing on the table just now for a minister to read and speak to his people about? "Harvey Cushing's Life of Sir William Osler. Sir William Osler himself is a character about whom any good literary craftsman might have written a good biography. But this book is a literary triumph. It will go into the class that includes Boswell's Life of Johnson; Lockhart's Life of Scott; Morley's "Gladstone." Here is a biography that actually gives you the man as clearly and vividly as words ever can. In two volumes, costing twelve dollars, is compressed the story of the wisest as he was probably the most gifted medical man the world has ever known. It is a book most especially for the doctor and the preacher."

You can readily see that a talk with Stacey on the second floor of the Flood Building is an education in itself.

Rev. Oswald W. S. McCall, D.D., pastor of First Church, Berkeley, is back again after a thoroughly enjoyable trip to his native land of Australia.

Dr. McCall was welcomed back to his pulpit by a large congregation on the morning of Sunday, May 17.

MOVIES IN THE CHURCH

It is still a matter of debate in ministerial and lay circles as to whether the moving picture can be used to advantage in a church service. Some say yes and some say no. To get the right sort of picture at a price reasonable enough is undoubtedly one of the difficulties. Things are, however, much better today than as recently as five years ago. The exchanges are more favorable to the churches than they used to be. Prices are more reasonable and in some of the exchanges, notably Pathe, great care is paid to the non-theatrical end of the business and the minister can always get expert advice patiently given and his needs really understood.

The minister of Mission Park Church has worked out a scheme for the use of moving pictures in the evening service that has proved itself, and which may be helpful to others.

Briefly this is what it is with the story of how it came about. First. There seemed to be no doubt about the power of the "movie" to draw a crowd to the evening service. Proof of that came from ministers of all denominations all over the country. Second. It did not seem to Mr. Matthews that the use of a full length picture of six or seven reels with an address on the story was the best way to use the "movie" for religious purposes. If the picture was any good at all it would preach its own moral. Third. The minister looked back over the years and found that there were a number of incidents in his own experience that could be pictorially presented, and a short address on the spiritual incident of them delivered to the people. Fourth. He drew up a list of such incidents. Fifth. He visited the exchanges and talked of the general idea of his scheme and presented in detail his "incidents" and was enabled to find short subject pictures, reasonably priced.

The first of this series was given on May 24 entitled "Slipping in the Alps," covering an incident in which he had the misfortune to slip some seven hundred feet on The Belle Oiseau. Two colored scenics of the very area were procured from the Co-operative Exchange in San Francisco and a short address delivered with these points (1) He is a wise man who knows his own weakness. (2) He is a fool who climbs without a guide. (3) He is wise who listens to those who have scaled the heights before him, and (4) He is wisest who learns that life is a peril without the best of guides, and a romance with them. (5) That it is the glory of the Christian message to bring us the good news of romantic and adventurous living in company with the Guide who never lost a companion.

The service was greatly enjoyed and all the more so because of the clearly evangelical appeal of the address.

It will take time of course for the minister to work these programs out and select just the best pictures to use but it is an amply rewarding labor.

Perhaps the news came "in the air;" or maybe it was just a dream; but the conviction nevertheless remains that Rev. Frank W. Hodgdon is to be called back to his old college of Dartmouth, there to receive at the forthcoming commencement exercises the well deserved honor of a Doctorate in Divinity.

If this announcement proves to be incorrect, anyone in a position to do so may correct the editorial staff in time for publication of the July issue.

BROADMOOR

There is good news coming in to headquarters all the time about the work of the church at Broadmoor, San Leandro. Handicapped by a lack of anything approaching a proper physical equipment for enterprising labor in that rapidly growing and delightful suburban section yet real progress is being made.

Every Sunday morning there assembles a Sunday School of such proportions as to tax to the limit the available space of the temporary building. As always and everywhere the one really crying need is for teachers, able and rady to stay by the responsibilities of this, the Church's greatest task. Mark Hopkins and a log were University enough. The logs can be easily supplied at Broadmoor. The trouble is to find the Mark Hopkins. However, things are better now than ever before even in this respect and by a proper organization of the staff good work is being done Sunday by Sunday among the children.

The Men's Club of the church is the youngest organization and made an auspicious start some six weeks ago with seventy-five men present; at the last meeting one hundred assembled to enjoy a good dinner and a great meeting with Dr. H. F. Swartz as the speaker of the evening. Through this club Mr. Sherman hopes to make a wide inroad into the homes of the community.

Preparations are now in hand for the establishment of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Happy indeed is the church at Broadmoor in having a pastor who has an undying interest in work among children and whose vigorous energy and versatile ingenuity is consecrated to the task of winning them for the Kingdom.

A CHORAL SUGGESTION

A religion that cannot be sung cannot be lived. Even a heresy stands no chance of popular acclaim until it can be sung by men and women as they go about their work. Modernism of whatever type needs nothing more just now than it needs hymn writers and composers. It will take the extreme liberals a long time to out sing Charles Wesley and F. W. Faber.

Without fear of contradiction then let it be said that Church worship generally needs nothing more at the present time than a revival of song. Lately in the Bay District we have gone forward to unusual methods of organizing Choral ability. Price did an estimable thing for the East Bay Churches when he started the Pilgrim Boys' Chorus. The choirs of First, Alameda, are of course a well known and distinctive feature of that church's place in its own community.

Why do we not in every church do more for the service of praise than we are doing? Why are we prone to under rate the musical taste and the musical ability of our own people. Why do so many churches drift into the abomination of desolation "the paid or the unpaid quartette?" Who will rise to the help of the Lord?

Echo answers that Mrs. Frank W. Hodgdon, wife of Professor Hodgdon of the Pacific School of Religion, is one of our best authorities on Church Music and one of our ablest guides to the production of the same.

Why don't we then get started on a campaign to improve not choir singing alone, but congregational singing? Why don't we start a choral competition for the choirs, both senior and junior choirs, in anthem, chant, and hymn singing?

It would be an auspicious beginning and a mighty inmpetus to the life of our churches.

THE DAY OF DECISION

"Does the Bible repel you? Does prayer seem difficult except in grave emergencies? Does the call to worship weary you? Then you are outside the dynamic that can transform your nature by recreating it.

"Make no error at this juncture. If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, with new ambitions, new tastes, new desires. He has found the secret. The pearl of great price is his. The hidden treasure makes him rich with possessions of soul and mind and heart that cannot be taken from him.

"I plead today for your decision. If God be God, if Christ be the Redeemer, if Divine Justice and love be the surpassing virtues, then serve them forever."—Dr. S. Parkes Cadman.

JONES OF OLIVET

One look at the lawn of Olivet Church, Oakland, of which Rev. J. Vincent Jones, D.D., is pastor, proves that the minister is an artist. Entrance into the Church confirms the view. Dr. Jones believes that holiness and beauty belong together. He has rapidly improved the material aspects of the church and the community speaks highly of the really fine spiritual work that is being done through the activities of the services and the church organizations.

	1924	1925
January	$425.75	$682.00
February	2,568.46	2,894.24
March	2,923.42	3,542.70
April	4,846.11	4,036.67
May	3,914.69	3,982.85

BENEVOLENCES

May 1st-31st, 1925.

Berkeley First	$458.74
Berkeley North	129.45
Berkeley, Bethany	20.00
Ceres	55.40
Cloverdale	50.00
Crockett	12.50
Eureka	40.02
Fairfax	10.00
Ferndale	93.00
Fresno First	185.69
Grass Valley	14.37
Guerneville	1.50
Lodi First	900.00
Oakland First	320.61
Oakland, Calvary	11.65
Oakland, Fruitvale	28.00
Oakland, Plymouth	159.87
Pacific Grove	30.20
Palo Alto	400.00
Petaluma	123.80
Redwood City	400.00
San Francisco, First	350.00
San Francisco, Richmond	10.00
San Jose	110.00
Santa Rosa First	18.05
Tulare	25.00
Woodside	25.00
	$3,982.85

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Sacramento Valley Association, Rev. H. H. Gill.
San Joaquin Association, Rev. S. C. Carson.
Santa Clara Association, Rev. F. W. Morrison.
Sonoma Association, Mrs. C. I. Hooper.
Upper Bay Association, Rev. Jas. Muir.

CHURCH NEWS

Grass Valley—Rev. E. O. Chapel, in additional to his work as pastor of the church at Grass Valley, is the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. A three-column report of his work appears in a recent issue of the Grass Valley Union. In this report appear thirty-four items of community service rendered by the Chamber during the past year on a total budget of slightly more than $2,000. Mr. Chapel reports that this work gives him valuable contact with the business men of the city.

Lodi—On Sunday, May 10th, the church held an effective Mothers' Day program. One of the most impressive numbers was a tableau in which Mrs. E. A. Stevens of Oakland, mother of Rev. C. H. Stevens, took part. She has just passed her nintieth birthday. The platform was furnished to represent a home and Mrs. Stevens, most appropriately took the part of mother, sitting in the glow of the fire. Another impressive scene was the Madonna and Child, portrayed by Mrs. Erle Van Buskirk and child. Other numbers on the program were musical selections appropriate to the day.

May 17th was a day of music in the church. In the morning the Emanuel Male Quartet and Saxophone Club of Los Angeles entertained with music and testimony. They have traveled thousands of miles, entertaining in the various churches and were well worth hearing. In the evening Blanche Hamilton Fox, contralto, and May Clarke Burns, soprano, both singers in the Oratorio "St. Paul," gave an evening of song. Mr. Benjamin Shepplar also contributed a song. The programs were greatly appreciated, and the church was filled both morning and evening.

On May 24th Mr. Stevens delivered a memorial address. Members of Hartford Post, G. A. R., Hartford Woman's Relief Corps, and Daughters of Veterans and Veterans of all wars were especially invited for the service.

On the evening of May 31st Tully C. Knoles, President of the College of Pacific, spoke on the Relation of the races in regard to color. The church was filled to hear him.

SONOMA ASSOCIATION

This Association changed its date slightly that it might have the presence and inspiration of our National Council Secretary Dr. Charles E. Burton. His address on "The Second Half of Congregationalism!" put the meeting on the plane of a great gathering. The meeting was held at Sonoma Friday, May 8, and was well attended. Mr. Irwin Addicott presented the Young People's Conference and made dates for several conferences with those who expect to attend. The ladies of the church served two bounteous meals and we were all pleased with the marked improvements made in the church property within the past year. The pastor, Rev. Isaac Cookman, is much beloved for his splendid leadership, both in town and the regions round about. He is warm hearted, brotherly, devout and possessed with a missionary instinct that is quite rare in these days. Dr. Rathbone introduced Dr. Burton in a happy vein and the usual problems of church work were discussed and the burdens accepted. This Association put itself on record as favoring the Five-fold plan of merger.

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION

It rained. It kept on raining. It was a wonder that there were any in attendance, yet the loyal delegates and their pastors were nearly all there. Dr. and Mrs. Kloss with their capable workers were simply delightful in their treatment of visitors. The program was interesting. One hesitates about naming the performers, but we are sure that the outlook in Santa Clara Association is most promising when we hear the reports of the churches up and down the valley. The Peninsular is growing. It is populated with an unusual type of religious leaders and the strong pastors in the churches are keeping pace with the wonderful growth in population as well as abreast of that much of modern thought that is working for an intelligent interpretation of life as it is seen in the Christ. Prof. Rugh was the speaker of the evening. A communion service was conducted by Mr. St. John and Mr. Marsh. The Association placed itself on record as favoring the four-fold merger but hoping for an ultimate merger under a two-fold plan. Rev. R. J. Currie of Redwood City preached the sermon. Mr. J. T. Richards was the moderator.

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION

Pilgrim Church, Armenian, Fresno, entertained this Association Thursday, May 14. The pastor, Rev. M. G. Papazian, welcomed the group with gracious and informing words. His ladies served delightful dishes of food that was a little different from the conventional menu which makes secretaries so corpulent. The tables were attractive and the food delicious. Rev. H. S. Davidson of Porterville was the moderator and Rev. G. M. Manavian the scribe. Prof. Hodgdon of the Pacific School of Religion made friends with his inspiring address. Dr. Giffen led the discussion on the merger and the vote was unanimous for an ultimate merger of all the Societies into one or two groups, preferably one. Dr. L. A. Stark, with his wife, was down from Big Creek. Whether he or the church may insist that they are an independent or Community Church, not yet affiliated, the spirit of the affair was that they were joined in purpose and that Dr. Stark must have fellowship with us in all our effort. Our hearts were divided over the announcement that Rev. Benjamin Gould was to have a leave of absence for four months that he might visit England. We do not like to release him from his service as Moderator at our annual conference and we must bid him and his wife bon voyage as they depart. We need more churches in the San Joaquin Association.

ANTIOCH CELEBRATES

Organized just following the civil war the Antioch church has faced the joys and sorrows of changing population and industry yet comes to its sixtieth anniversary with its physical equipment so restored that it had the appearance of a new house of worship when the Upper Bay Association met there Thursday, May 28th, for its annual session. The program was regarded as one of the best held in that Association and the evening program was in recognition of the anniversary and appreciation of the improvements. Professor Hodgdon of the Pacific School of Religion and Rev. Hugh V. White, together with the Conference Superintendent, were the visiting speakers and the address given by Mr. White at the anniversary exercises will long be remembered.

The pastor, Rev. G. Southwell Brett, has been with the church three and one-half years and during that time has helped straighten out a bad legal tangle that has impaired the title for years. Following that he led the church in its work of restoration and refurnishing until both church and parsonage are spick and span in appearance and fitted for the great task of ministering to the community. At noon the delegates and friends were all entertained at the private home of Mrs. Beede and the evening dinner was served in the dining room of the church. This church at Antioch will take a new lease on life with its delightful place of worship. Its members and the citizens at large should feel that it has assumed added obligations with its present ability to serve.

THE GERMAN ASSOCIATION

Our German speaking brethren met for their annual session at the Free Cross Church in Fresno May 15-17. Rev. G. L. Brakemeyer was elected moderator and preached the sermon on the opening night. Dr. H. Obenhaus, their national secretary was present throughout, giving direction and addresses. Drs. Swartz and Minchin were invited guests as well as speakers. These meetings are largely for purposes of inspiration and are exceptionally well attended. The men far outnumber the women in attendance and free discussion follows the greater number of the addresses. Neither Theology or Ecclesiology are omitted in a German Association. These churches, numbering eight, keep their pulpits constantly supplied and at this meeting steps were made for a real work of extension under the direction of a paid worker giving his time to this objective.

BIG CREEK ORGANIZES

On Sunday evening, May 24, Superintendent Minchin visited Big Creek addressing a largely attended service in the Moose Hall, where Dr. L. A. Stark installed and commissioned the officials of a new organization known as the Big Creek Community Church. The charter list of the new church was still open and we have word that the new organization starts off with seventy-seven members.

This remarkable piece of work has been done in three months time in a community that has been in existence for a decade or more without a church or leadership. Our Home Missionary accepted the challenge of work in a camp that has no permanent prospects but has a population of 1000 or 1200 people who need ministry. It has meant a heavy initial expenditure but has proven to be a rewarding venture and one that should prompt us to larger giving as there is more work of this kind to be done if we can face the task and the burden.

THE GERMAN ENDEAVORERS

This organization within our German churches is presided over by Paul Pries and includes the work of the Sunday Schools as well as the other work of young people. It supports a native missionary worker and makes most careful and detailed reports of its many activities. This year it invited Supt. Minchin to address them on the work of the Conference and Professor Hodgdon to speak on Recruiting for the Ministry. As an outstanding feature of their gatherings, held May 23, 24, an elaborate oratorio was given under the direction of the Rev. Paul Krumbein, pastor of the Cross Church. These sessions were held at Sanger, whose pastor is Rev. William Aumann, and several of the sessions crowded that large building. We are hoping for one or two carloads of these Endeavorers at our conference this summer.

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